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In re Patent of
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Title of Invention:
ADJUSTABLE LOG SPLITTING HEAD

**DECISION
ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an unintentionally expired patent under 37 CFR § 1.378(c), filed December 13, 2010.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued January 27, 1998. The grace period for paying the eleven and one-half (11½) year maintenance fee expired on January 28, 2010. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The file is being forwarded to the files repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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